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The proposed settlement between the DOJ and Microsoft is flawed because it does not recognize Microsoft's property rights. In fact it presupposes that society has the right to the property of Microsoft and it is simply a matter of compromise to determine how much of its property Microsoft should retain.

Microsoft is "guilty" simply because it has too many customers. If customers had chosen either IBM's or Apple's operating system then Microsoft would be "innocent". Microsoft negotiated with the DOJ under the threat of physical force, so the proposed settlement should be scrapped and Microsoft should be compensated by the Federal government for its legal costs.

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